

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Gedulin et al.
Appl. No.: 10/518,128
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For: Prevention and/or Treatment of
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Using
PYY or Agonists Thereof

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Examiner: Li, Ruixiang
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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 5, 2008, and subsequent to the Notice of Appeal filed by Applicant on June 5, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a petition for a four-month extension of time, and authorization to charge requisite RCE- and petition-associated fees accompany this response.

Applicant notes that on June 5, 2008, Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal in response to the final Office Action, thereby setting a due date for filing an Appeal Brief on August 5, 2008, with five-months of extension time available for filing the Brief, or for filing an RCE and terminating the Appeal proceedings as provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d). Accordingly, Applicant submits that the filing of the RCE, Petition, and this Response constitutes a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the Examiner.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper

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